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Howland's

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1044  
Main St.

..... NOW FOR OUR .....

## Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

An event always looked forward to by the women of Bridgeport and vicinity. Such real and emphatic MONEY SAVING opportunities are rare—come prepared to be surprised at the values. Thrifty women will readily recognize the importance of these savings. Scan them carefully.

### Decided Economy on Wears Needed Now

The offerings in the Fur Section are especially strong—Fur Coats—Scarves and Muffs of first quality at sharply lessened prices. And the coldest weather ahead.

#### FUR COATS

Pony Skin Coats—50 inches long—real \$75 values ..... Now \$50  
Pony Skin Coats—36 inches long—\$50 quality ..... At \$40  
Hudson Seal Coats—50 inches long—\$95 garments ..... At \$80  
Hudson Seal Coats—45 inches long—\$55 quality ..... At \$60  
Hudson Seal Coats—the \$50 kind ..... At \$40

#### FUR SETS

Mink Sets—were \$80 ..... Now \$60  
Mink Sets—were \$70 ..... Now \$50  
Black Fox Sets—were \$40 ..... Now \$30  
Black Fox Sets—were \$30 ..... Now \$20  
Black Fox Sets—were \$35 ..... Now \$25  
Pointed Fox Sets—were \$45 ..... Now \$35  
Black Lynx Rug Muff—(Genuine)—were \$45 ..... Now \$35

#### FUR SCARFS

Odd Pieces about 20 in each lot  
\$5.00—were priced at \$15 and \$18  
\$2.98—were priced at \$10 and \$12  
.98—were priced at \$5 and \$8  
Imitation Chinchilla, Ermine and Blended Squirrel Sets—were \$10  
Now \$3.98  
Fur Lined Coats Reduced Too

The values in other sections of the store are noteworthy—things women and Misses need at Marked Saving.

Special price advantages never more forcefully shown than in these offerings.

#### TAILORED SUITS

the newest styles, colors and fabrics.  
\$40 Suit values ..... Now \$25  
\$30 Suit values ..... Now \$20  
\$15 to \$40 Suit values ..... \$15, \$20 and \$25

#### CLOTH COATS

Women's All-wool Cloth Coats—Black and Mixtures—50 inches long—\$10 to \$15 values ..... \$3.75  
An attractive line of Children's Coats—all-wool mixtures ..... \$2.75

#### WAISTS

You know this store's leadership in this line—note these values:  
Waists 3-4 Sleeves—were \$1.50  
Now \$1.00  
3-4 Sleeves—were \$1.00 ..... Now 59c

#### Evening Capes and Lingerie Dresses

Capes that were \$15 and \$20 Now \$10  
25 Lingerie Dresses—\$12 values  
Now \$5

## ROMAIN HELD FOR ASSAULT ON MRS. NOONAN

Shackett and Mason, Tried on the Same Charge, Discharged After Mass of Conflicting Testimony Is Heard.

City Court Went Into Chambers While Hearing the Evidence—Case Discloses Bad Condition on East Side.

After hearing from his own lips that he had assaulted Mrs. Margaret Noonan of 533 Myrtle avenue, Christmas night in the rear of the plant of the Weldich Bros. Mfg. Co., Sterling street and Noble avenue, Judge Pullman in the city court to-day held Michael Romain for trial in the criminal superior court in bonds of \$500. Denis Mason and Louis Shackett alleged participants in the assault which was most brutal were discharged as the evidence did not clearly establish that they were concerned in it.

Romain in telling of the assault said the woman accompanied him willingly to the rear of the factory and according to his story they came out to the street again he escorted her to Kossuth and Nichols street, where he left her standing against a building, he going home. Romain claims that he first met the victim of the attack at Kelly and Pembroke streets, and as she did not object to his proposal to see her home he took her by devious route to rear of the Sterling street factory.

Mrs. Noonan was in court to-day and she presented a battered up appearance. She denied Romain as one of those who assaulted her. She was unable to identify either Shackett or Mason. The two latter were in the vicinity of the place where the assault occurred, and about the time of it, but there was no way to positively connect them with the outrage.

Dr. Ives who answered the emergency call testified that he treated the woman for 28 bruises about her body. He said he detected the smell of liquor from her.

The victim denied that she had used liquor. She said she was waiting for a trolley car near East Main and Nichols streets when Romain came along. He was presently joined by a taller man and other fellow. She claims the men put their hands over her mouth and hustled her down Nichols street toward Kossuth street where the assault was committed. That she had an awful experience is shown by the marks which her body carries. She has been dragged beneath a rear porch in the house occupied by Mrs. Mary Shorndorff in Nichols street not far from Kossuth street. Her cries attracted the attention of Mrs. Shorndorff who came out and found the victim struggling with her assailants. John Keefe, who rents a livery in Kossuth street heard the cries and went to Mrs. Noonan's assistance. Some of the assailants tried to interfere with Keefe by saying that the woman was a friend of theirs and they would see that she was protected.

Keefe demurred, however, and Mrs. Shorndorff took the victim who was bleeding and not far from unconscious into her home where she washed her face and allowed her to remain until the ambulance arrived.

Shackett and Mason took the court just where they are supposed to have been at the time of the assault. They said they accompanied the victim home and saw her being taken to the hospital. Two young women, Margaret Bellfield and Abbie Hedman, and the latter were in court to corroborate the testimony of their escorts. The Hedman girl said she was positive that Shackett was in her company at the time the assault occurred, and the mothers of the two boys were equally as certain that their boys were home early that evening.

Mrs. Noonan denied Romain's story of her having accompanied him willingly as an untruth and the police are inclined to believe that the story has been cooked up by the accused to save his bacon.

Certain it is however that the police officials should get busy and see that this disgraceful gang that infests Kossuth street near Nichols street, known as the old Kossuth street dump, is broken up. Mrs. Noonan is not the first unfortunate woman to be attacked by the gang.

## SKATERS MAY SKATE ON THESE PONDS

Skaters are indebted to the Nausetucket Valley Ice Company for the opening of two ponds in the city for their use. The ponds are Parrott's and Seely's both in the northern part of the city and within easy access by trolley car. The action of the company which controls both ponds is due to the fact that there is to be no ice cutting on either pond this year.

Seely's pond is situated on the southern border of Park cemetery and may be reached by taking a North car from the North Main street trolley car, Salem street being the nearest access. Parrott's pond is a half mile up Park avenue from North avenue has long been a favorite rendezvous for skaters but owing to ice cutting they have been from time to time excluded from the lake. The nearest way to reach Parrott's pond is by taking a Brooklawn car to North and Park avenues and walking north on Park avenue a half mile.

The abuse of the "privilege" of skating on the reservoir pond at Boardley's park as well as the other reservoirs owned by the Bridgeport Hydraulic company, skating will not be allowed on the ponds this year and transgressors will be prosecuted. Expecting on the ice and the evils which might come there from can be only remedied in the opinion of the company by shutting off completely the privilege of skating.

#### OBITUARY.

The funeral of Rufus B. Jennings was held from his late residence in Greenfield Hill this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar H. Olmstead reading the committal services. Relatives from New York, Philadelphia and Boston were present at the funeral of the deceased, who was held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors with whom he had resided the greater part of his life. Interment was in Oaklawn cemetery, Fairfield.

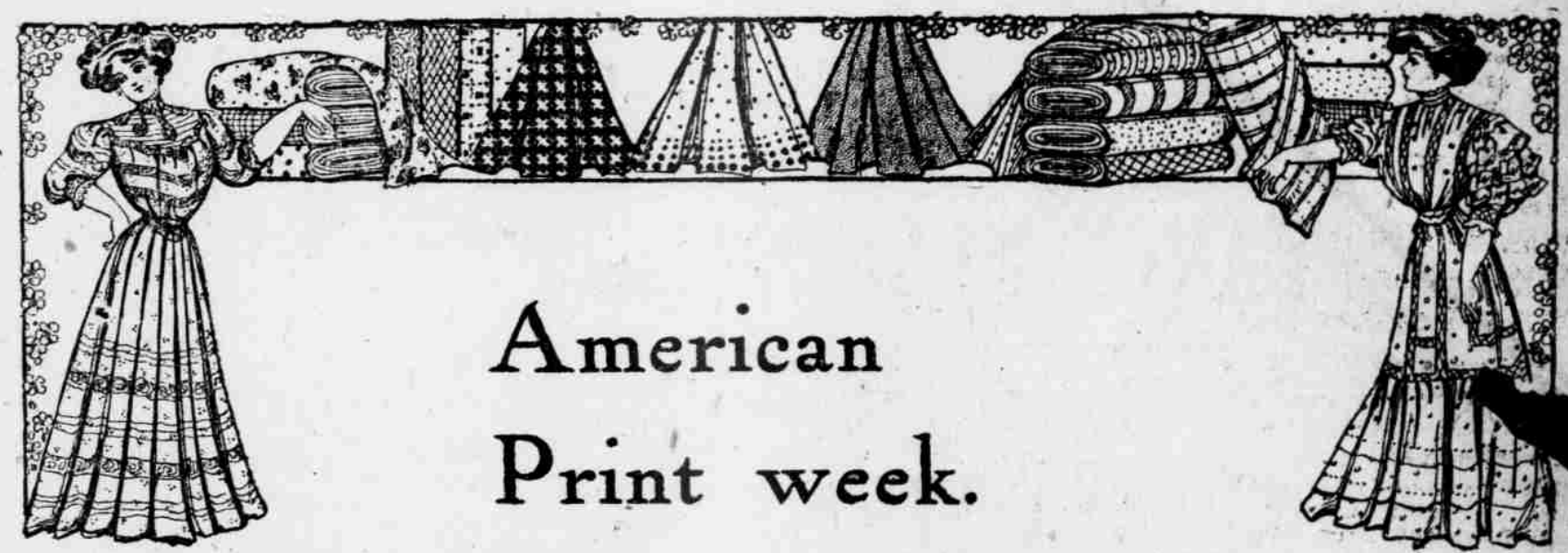
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## HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street Fairfield avenue, and Cannon street.

Bridgeport, Conn.,  
Saturday, January 2, 1909.

The Weather—Fair and warmer to night and Sunday.



## American Print week.

With the coming of the new year itself, comes a week of American prints for the new year. We inaugurate Monday morning a week's selling of the bright fresh beautiful new printed cottons for 1909 from the print works of the American Printing company.

What handsome prints they are! Remember that surprising collection the store spread out a year ago? This excels even that. There are designs and color effects that we did not dream of a year ago; some bizarre, some unique, some almost-startling, all easily made up into pretty garments for house wear; many finely suited for outdoor wear all through the coming warm months of spring and summer.

Pongee prints that look like silk foulard, dotted and figured prints with wide borders, two color prints (red and black for example), prints in patterns that you never expected to see on anything except high-class and high-price fabric.

It is just wonderful. As one looks, it is hard to believe these pretty things are cotton and are printed by huge machines in ink. It seems as though they must be of finer stuff and have been woven. They are pretty enough, to be almost any fabric. But they are cotton, and they are printed, and they are attractive. Every one is fast color, every one is guaranteed to be pure dye, every one is to be thoroughly depended upon.

Placed on sale Monday morning at

5c 6c 7c

Special display, center of main floor.

## Books. A fire sale!

Yes, a fire sale and the books haven't been touched by fire. Thousands of books, 500 titles, over 100 authors, and at

10c to 50c on \$1.

The fire was next to the Harper publishing house. Through a crack in the wall, water got into the stock-rooms of Harpers and to biggest part of the books there. Water-damage is heaviest of all to a book: doesn't hurt its reading-worth at all, cuts its price heavily. So with these. They have spots and water markings on covers and edges. Inside, they are all right. But their prices are but a fraction of usual.

Yes, books for everybody who enjoys reading or study. Like as not a book on your favorite subject. A lot of late fiction; much by Mark Twain who today is more-read than ever.

All of these books are worth a place in your library, almost. Some are much-hurt, most are no more damaged than by use for a short time at home. To judge fairly, look at your shelves full before you come to choose from this collection.

There has never been such a chance before to buy books in Bridgeport. They wouldn't last a week, if you realized how big the chance was.

Near Fairfield avenue entrance.

## THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

### A 23 Mill Tax Rate Required to Meet Demands on Taxpayers

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	Asked next year	granted this year
Police	\$144,990 75	\$123,024 85
Police and Charities bldg.	8,120 00	300 00
Claims committee	3,000 00	
Lump committee	65,535 75	
Sewer committee	73,430 00	
Street committee	58,043 00	
Plumbing Exam-iners	100 00	
Board of Educa-tion	320,162 50	302,239 00
Board of Educa-tion, one mill tax (estimated)	76,000 00	74,506 00
Park board	25,000 00	24,500 00
Garbage Disposal	39,503 76	
Health Dept.	11,576 20	
Fire Dept., regular	155,809 00	138,650 00
Fire Dept., regular	42,250 00	23,364 10
Building C o d e		
Registrars of Voters	3,500 00	
Assessors	6,908 00	
Town Clerk	9,834 00	
Building Commis-sion	9,575 25	
Judge of Probate	3,900 00	
Director of Public Works	1,000 00	
Tax Collector	121,600 00	
Board of Relief	6,500 00	
Charity Dept.	123,831 75	84,146 51
Sewer and Street Cleaning	61,668 50	52,865 50

The police department asks for an automobile patrol wagon which was recommended by the auditor last year. A big expense that was not looked for is the sum of \$3,000 which is asked to pay the members of the building code committee which has held over 100 meetings for the purpose of perfecting a building code for the city. Each member will receive either \$5 or \$6 a meeting and there is nothing to prevent the committee from holding a meeting every day for a year or two more.

It is understood that the committee is much indebted to Building Commissioner Rowland for a good part of its material as that official perfected a building code single handed three years ago, but none of the members of the Common Council felt like going through the document with the idea of passing upon it and making it a part of the ordinances. They thought some one should be paid for the work, but now that the special tax committee is to have a code it is doubtful whether all of the aldermen will want to accept it in bloc. If not acceptable to the council the money spent for the committee will be lost. Many people are of the opinion that the building

### COMMISSION WILL CLOSE CONTRACT Declines to Make Explanation of Its Reasons for Granting Job to Bidder Nearly \$8,000 Higher.

The contract for the construction of the proposed Congress street bridge across the Pequonnock river will probably be signed on Monday by the bridge commission, the city attorney, and the representatives of Snare, Trieste & Co., who have been awarded the contract. President Manwaring took up the matter of preparing the contract, with City Attorney Cullinan, this morning. Although there is much comment in the city about the contract not being let to the lowest bidder the members of the commission do not feel disposed to make any kind of a statement relative to the matter and one member says the commission knew what it was doing, and "The commission has got to take the responsibility if the bridge is not up to expectations."

Several prominent men have asked questions about the bridge contract, one a prominent insurance man asked yesterday, "Why was not the bridge contract let to the lowest bidder?" He and several others claim they would have accepted the O'Brien contract if they saw chance to save \$8,200, and they would have accepted the lowest bid if it was a matter of their own private business.

### Property Loss in the Earthquake Zone Is NEARLY \$1,000,000

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The various state branches and of money sent by individuals to headquarters. A large part of the money came from New York, which contributed \$72,000. The California branch has remitted \$1,000 and Connecticut \$1,500. The balance was made up of contributions by J. D. Rockefeller and the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. Secretary Root will cable the money to

Ambassador Griscom at Rome who will deliver it to the Italian Red Cross. Catania, Jan. 2.—The Archbishop of Messina has been rescued from the ruins of his cathedral. The Archbishop was in the chapel when the first shock came. The cathedral crumbled down on him but he was not touched by any of the flying debris.

### MRS. ERB DESCRIBES HUSBAND'S DEATH

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room and I didn't know whether he was badly hurt or not.  
"For a little while I sat cowering in the bathroom. Then the noise of the struggle having subsided I crawled over to the door. I saw the captain lying over toward the entrance of the bathroom with his head in a pool of blood. He was still as though dead. I then saw stairs and I saw Beatrice Mathu to come upstairs with me. When we got up there the captain was lying still and my sister some distance away from him. I went to the telephone and tried to get a doctor. Then I asked Beatrice to keep on phoning while I went to see the condition my sister was in.  
"She was in a faint and at first I thought she was dead. I listened to her heart and it seemed to be beating so I got a big sponge from the bathroom and started to try and revive her so that she was able with my help to get to a bed. She was weak and unnerved with her experience but the doctor gave her some medicine when he came."

#### OBITUARY.

Helen E., seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kennedy died yesterday afternoon at the residence of her parents, 54 Jane street. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning and the body will be taken to Middletown, Conn., for burial.  
The funeral of Patrick O'Reilly the G. A. R. Veteran was held this morning from his late residence 457 Harral-avenue at 8:30 o'clock and from St. Augustine's Church at 9 where Rev. Father O'Meara sang a solemn high mass of requiem. The pall-bearers were James Flinter, James Lyons, Geo. Rutherford, Denis Murphy, Edward Brennan and Michael Fitzgerald. The G. A. R. services were conducted over the body of the deceased in St. Michael's Cemetery by Elias Howe, Jr., Post No. 3.

The remains of the late Warren H. Lamson were laid at rest in the Mount Vernon at 3 p. m. from the undertaking parlors of H. Bishop on State street. Rev. John DeFeu read the services over the body at the grave in Mount Grove cemetery.

## Soon Here, The New Year

Diaries, Almanacs, Blank Books, Office Merchandise of all kinds and be sure to get a Barnum File for 25c, at JACKSON'S BOOK SHOP, 986-988 MAIN STREET

### 'BILLY' SMITH, HE NO MORE, IS MR. PRESIDENT

William E. Smith, the local newsman, president of the National Polo League has sent in his resignation to Secretary Perrin. This was taken by Mr. Smith because of the transfer of the two Connecticut teams to Massachusetts. Now there are no teams in this state and neither the time nor the desire to transfer. Mr. Smith was president for the first two years of the league and was appointed to the position at the beginning of the season. Owing to the substantial paid the president there is sure to be a lively bunch of seekers for the

### THE JOLLY GOOD FELLOW

And Hail, Hail to Our Old Chief.

Linked Arms and Clinked Glasses Together In the Realms of Local Clubdom as the Top o' the Mornin' Was Extended to Young Sir 1909.

The New Year's receptions, formerly of the house to house mode, but now to a large extent supplanted by the lavish receptions and open houses of the clubs, were carried out yesterday on a larger and more expensive scale by the large clubs of this city than ever before. The Seaside and Algonquin, the oldest organizations and upon whom the interest of the day is chiefly centered, maintained their old time hospitality and from six in the evening on, served elaborate dinners to hundreds of guests. At the Caulmet and University clubs buffet lunches were served.

Last evening delegations went from club to club carrying the message of good cheer and impromptu speeches were the order in all the houses. The reception at the Seaside began at six o'clock. The large ball room was turned into a dining room and Steward Crowley held away, doing justice to his position. The famous Seaside New Year's punch was in evidence in an ante-room and for the only day in the year the members were able to enjoy a sip in their own home. Throughout the evening was one moving spirit of song.

Steward Wines of the Algonquin club ran no risk of letting the club's reputation as a hospitable organization decline, but instead placed before the 600 visitors the finest meal ever served on a New Year's day. The strains from the orchestra induced the visitors to sing. The Caulmet, University and Bridgeport clubs held open houses and received and sent delegations to the other large clubs. At these three clubs buffet lunches were served and music rendered by orchestras. The feature at the University club was the singing of the college songs of practically all the large schools of the country.

The most novel method of paying New Year's calls was adopted by the Mohawk Yacht Club, a number of members from which used A. B. Beers' yacht, the "Dot", to visit the other yacht clubs of the city and pay their respects. Over 200 guests were served "lunch and punch" at this club. The house of the Pequonnock Yacht Club at the foot of East Main street was newly decorated with signs. As the punch bowl was approached the depth of water and proximity of shoals were indicated by chart like arrange-

ments, and surrounded with holly was a large banner on which was inscribed, "Best Wishes for a Smooth and Happy Voyage over the Seas of 1909." Commodore Frank Elliott and a guard of 50 members made their visit to the other clubs. The Mamogue and the Park City Yacht Clubs entertained from three in the afternoon until the early hours of this morning.

The Bridgeport Minstrel and the Roof Tree Clubs and the St. Joseph's T. L. & B. Society held open houses at which refreshments were served and music rendered. At the latter organization the good ship Lulu, a gift from Walter Stapleton, was displayed surrounded by an ocean of pure spring water. Without the real hot stuff, the members and their guests enjoyed a pleasant time.

The Y. M. C. A. cordially welcomed the beginning of 1909 both during the afternoon and evening. Principal Henry Simonds of the High school and president of the association, and Mrs. Frederick Hollister Stevens, president of the auxiliary greeted the young men and their guests. All were men, as the association was obliged to deny the rooms to women this year because of the large attendance expected and which was realized. Light refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. F. H. Macfarlane.

The celebration of the New Year's birth was carried out by the Lotus Club in their usual manner by a dance. Eighteen numbers were danced to the music of Speidel's orchestra at the Slocum gymnasium. The committee in charge of the dance was Eddie Reilly, Victor H. Herz, William Hawkins and Joseph Neisner.

### John E. Judson Enters Firm of Watson & Alpers

The firm of Watson and Alpers will be changed January 2, 1909 to Watson, Alpers & Co., by the addition of John E. Judson, who has been officially connected with the Amalgamated Copper Co., since its organization, together with its affiliated companies, and has been identified with the copper business for twenty-one years. He is familiar with the banking and brokerage business and will be an active and valuable addition to the firm, which was established in this city over thirty years ago, and for the greater portion of that time has occupied its present offices at 55 Broadway, N. Y. The other members of the firm, Thomas L. Watson and William J. Alpers, continue as members of the new firm.

### FIRE IN WEST END HOME

Shortly after one o'clock to-day the auto chemical was called to State street extension to extinguish a fire in the home of Stephen Orszag. The fire was confined to a bed and was put out in a few minutes. The damage was trifling. The owner, Orszag, was unable to give an account of how the blaze started.

Funeral services over the remains of James W. McCormack were held this morning from his late residence at 8:30 o'clock and from St. Charles' Church at 9 where Rev. Father Callahan sang a high mass of requiem. The pallbearers were John T. Dunn, Patrick Murphy, John Gall and William Hennessey. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

### MONUMENTS ARTISTIC—LASTING.

Plant operated by pneumatic cutting and polishing tools.

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